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Dear Parent / Carer

### LIFESKILLS Curriculum at Redwood

At Redwood Secondary School we believe it is important that all young people receive informed, balanced information regarding building and maintaining meaningful relationships in their life.

This academic year as part of the LifeSkills curriculum pupils will cover a range of PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) topics within their Life Skills lessons, through assemblies and LOTC (learning outside the classroom) opportunities.

The depth and range of information studied will be dependent upon their level of understanding and whether the content is age appropriate. Additional support will be available from suitable staff such as the Learning Mentor if a need is identified.

Topics covered in class/ mentor sessions and in presentations by outside agencies include:

- Relationships (safe sex, pregnancy and STI's where age appropriate)
- Respecting differences in religion, race and sexual orientation
- Animal Care (supervised contact with animals at all times)
- Accessing the Community
- Personal Hygiene (Washing their body, cleaning and cutting nails)
- Drugs and Alcohol awareness (where age appropriate)
- Loss and Bereavement

As part of the curriculum we have also now have school pets. These include bearded dragon lizards and a red foot tortoise. Students will work with staff to learn how to safely care for animals and develop their nurturing skills. All students will be supervised when working with the animals and the animals are kept in secure habitats at all other times.

Please also see attached flyer for more information on how we are planning to prepare the young people for adulthood.

Please feel free to contact the school and speak to Mr Dale (Curriculum Lead – Life Skills) should you wish to discuss the Life Skills curriculum or any of its content in more detail or you have any questions/concerns regarding your child having access to the LifeSkills curriculum at Redwood.

Yours sincerely

Ms C John  
Headteacher



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